administration reports of the Co-operative Department in respect of consolidation and rectification of co-operative societies?

The FIRST MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina Diwan Bahadur K. Matthan).—Yes.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—How many rural societies connected with agriculturists have been started during the past two years?

The REGISTRAR of CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES (Mr. M.G. Mehkri).—Notice.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Were not all the societies which were wound up, rural societies?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes. Though the societies were registered years ago, no share amount had been collected from the members nor work started. It was only in cases where the people themselves asked for the cancellation of the registration of the societies that action was taken.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—But if existing societies are wound up and fresh ones are not started, will not the very object of the co-operative movement be frustrated?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The department is aware of it. But if proper men are not available for working the societies, there is no use in having them. By continuing them in that state, they are more a handicap.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—What action will the Government take to foster the co-operative movement?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Establish more societies wherever conditions are favourable, improve the working of those already existing and remedy the defects as they are noticed. Their efficient working largely depends upon the extent of co-operation received from the local people.

Mr. B.L. BYANNA.—Are the Government aware that some co-operative societies have not even called for annual meetings and published balance sheets for the past 10 years or more? If so, what steps have the Government taken to improve the position?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—We are aware that some societies have not held their general or committee meetings or published balance sheets for the past 3 or 4 years, and it is probable that some of them have not done so for even longer periods. In all such cases, action is being taken.

Mr. M. SUBBIAH.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that certain societies have not been wound up though their members have made applications in that behalf?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—No. If you bring the particular instances to notice, I will take action.

Mr. M. SUBBIAH.—The Seringapatam Sri Ranganatha Co-operative Society is an instance in point.

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Orders have been passed to wind up that society.

A MEMBER.—Who should bring all these irregularities to the notice of the authorities concerned?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Inspecting officers and non-official gentlemen interested in the movement.

Mr. Mummadi H. C. VEERABHADRAPPA.—What are the reasons why so many rural societies are not working satisfactorily?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—There are several reasons.

Mr. V. V. IYER.—Is it due to the indifference of the directors that these societies have failed to work satisfactorily? If so, will you pass orders that directors should not take loans from societies and that if they do so they will not be eligible for re-election?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The shareholders themselves may pass such rules by amending the bye-laws.

Statistics about Voddars.

Q.—61. Mr. K. MUNIVENKATAPPA (Minorities).—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) the population of Voddars in the State (males and females);

(*b*) their occupation;

(*c*) the number of school-going children (boys and girls);

(*d*) how many are studying English and how many, other languages?

A.—The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. H. V. Ramasvami).—(*a*) 1,64,171 : Males 84,171, Females 80,000.

(*b*) No information.

(*c*) and (*d*) Information is not readily available.

Coffee Curing Works.

Q.—62. Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY (Special Interest).—Will the Government be pleased to state

(i) whether the Government are incurring any loss on account of starting the Sugar Factory at Mandya ;

(ii) if not, why should they not start "Coffee Curing Works" at Chickmagalur, which is the headquarters of the Kadur District and a coffee centre, by calling for shares in the same manner ?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).—

(i) No.

(ii) This is an independent proposition and requires to be considered on its merits.

Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY.—With reference to answer to (ii), when is the proposition to be considered ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—It is under consideration by the Industries and Commerce Board.

Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY.—How long will they take to consider and when will Government pass orders in the matter ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—After the receipt of the report from the Board, Government will pass orders.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Will Government start a peppermint factory as an adjunct to the Sugar Factory at Mandya ?

The FIRST MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina Diwan Bahadur K. Matthan).—That is a different matter.

Mr. M. SIDDALINGA SETTY.—Why not the Board consult coffee planters in the matter of starting curing works ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—There are members on the Board of Industries and Commerce who are familiar with coffee and its problems. For instance, Dharmapravartha M. L. Nagappa Setty is on the board.

Acting Arrangement in Urdu Girls Schools.

Q.—69. Mr. K. A. RAHIM (Minorities).—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) when was the mistress of Urdu Girls' School, Belur, transferred ;

(*b*) is the school closed on account of delay in appointing a mistress ;

(*c*) what is the reason for such a long delay ;

(*d*) are there any other institutions closed like this in the Hassan District—both Kannada and Urdu (boys' and girls' schools) ?

A.—The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. H. V. Ramasvami).—(*a*) The mistress is on leave from 30th September 1934 and she is not transferred anywhere.

(*b*) Yes. It is closed from 20th May 1935.

(*c*) As per new Central Recruitment Board rules, only a Mahomedan lady candidate included in the list approved by the Central Recruitment Board has to be appointed to act in place of the permanent mistress on leave. Accordingly, 3 Mahomedan lady candidates from the approved list were appointed, one after another, to act at Belur Urdu Lower Primary Girls' School but all of them failed to join duty.

(*d*) The Urdu Lower Primary Girls' School at Arkalgud Fort is also kept closed from 20th May 1935 for the same reason.

Mr. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—If school mistresses are absent for long periods, is it right to keep the schools closed till they return ? Why should not substitutes be appointed promptly ?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—Orders authorising the appointing officers to fill up short term vacancies by appointing locally available candidates have just been issued.